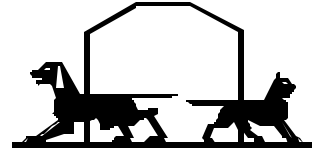




Maricopa County Animal Care & Control



*Suggested Questions to be used with Children
in the Assessment of Animal Abuse Potential*

Is there a Pet in the Child's life now?

- Do you have a pet in your house now?
- What kind?
- How long have you had your pet?
- Do you play with a neighbor's pet?
- Would you like to have a pet or another pet?

Who is responsible for the care of the Pet?

- Who feeds him/her?
- Where does he/she sleep?
- Who takes the Pet to the vet/doctor?
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What is the Child's emotional relationship to the Pet?

- What does your Pet do that is fun for you to watch?
- Do you ever go to your Pet when you are feeling sad or lonely?
- What do you do when your Pet chews your toys or poops in your room?
- Have you ever been scared for your Pet?
- Have you ever been hurt by your Pet or one in the neighborhood?

What is the nature of discipline

of the Pet?

- What happens when your Pet does something bad?
 - ⇒ pees or poops on the floor
 - ⇒ chews things
 - ⇒ bites or scratches
 - ⇒ barks...makes too much noise
 - ⇒ gets too excited
- Who gets the most angry at the Pet?
- How does the Pet get punished?
 - ⇒ spanked
 - ⇒ isolated
 - ⇒ put outdoors
 - ⇒ yelled at
- Does your Pet get punished the same way you do?
- How does your Pet feel when he/she gets punished?

Witnessing Animal Abuse?

- Have you ever seen anybody in your family or in your neighborhood hurting a dog or cat?
- When somebody hurts a dog or cat... how should they be punished?

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